

Item #6
Bill 42 (2016)

Speaker Registration/Testimony

RECEIVED
CITY CLERK
C & C OF HONOLULU
2017 JAN -9 PM 3:55

Name Steve Mechler
Phone 808-341-1802
Email steve@mechlercorporation.com
Meeting Date 01-10-2017
Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Bill 42 (2016)
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization The Outdoor Circle
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

As President of The Outdoor Circle, I object to the language in Bill 42 (Section 10-1-.4 (b) where the Director may issue permits for, among other things, the removal of trees within public rights of way on public streets by private citizens.

This is of grave concern to The Outdoor Circle by not having any language to control the unregulated removal and/or pruning of public trees without the oversight of the City's professionals or arborists as well as comments from organizations such as The Outdoor Circle prior to removal or trimming.

Written Testimony Many of these trees have taken decades to develop, and it would be irresponsible on the City's part to have the general public be allowed to dictate the status of trees or make unilateral decisions on landscaping within the public corridors.

This could potentially affect a huge number of trees that the general public would be allowed to get permits for for any number of various personal reasons.

This permitting process needs a more judicious review on a case-by-case basis and guidelines established before the passing of this bill. This will ensure that both private and public interests are acknowledged and protected prior to any permits being issued.

Testimony Attachment
Accept Terms and Agreement

1

PCCS

MISC. COM. 9